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REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Office Communication dated March 29, 2006, informing that the Reply filed on January 9, 2006 in response to the Restriction Requirement dated December 6, 2005 is not fully responsive.

In response to Examiner's request for election of a species within Group I, Applicants, for search purposes only, elect a compound of Structural Formula IIa, where ring A is pyridine:



R0 is -H; X is -C(O)-; and R1 is 4-cyanyl phenyl. Claims which read on these species are, for example, Claims 1-30. It is noted that Applicants elect these species for search purposes only. Should Examiner further restrict the claims by making a restriction requirement among the Markush groups with a clear statement of Applicants' invention in the next Office Communication, as stated in the paragraph bridging pages 3 and 4 of the Restriction Requirement dated December 6, 2005, it is understood that Applicants will be given a chance to properly respond to such a restriction requirement.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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